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SUBJECT: SEMINAR ON OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY
STANDARDS

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1. EMBASSY AND USIS BELIEVE SEMINAR WILL SERVE VALUABLE PURPOSE OF EMPHASIZING RECENT HOST GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES IN THE FIELD OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY; THAT IT WILL BE WELL-RECEIVED BY GROC AND THAT PROPOSED TIMING OFFERS BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL REALIZATION OF POTENTIAL.
2. GROC PROMULGATED NEW LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS AND PROVIDING FOR STRINGENT ENFORCEMENT OF THESE STANDARDS DURING 1974. CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND LABOR OFFICIALS ARE APPLYING CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TOWARD REALIZATION OF THE SPIRIT OF THIS NEW LEGISLATION AS WELL AS THE LETTER OF THE LAW AND HAVE ENCOUNTERED SOME PROBLEMS (PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF THE TRAINING OF QUALIFIED INSPECTORS) WHICH THEY BELIEVE COULD IN LARGE PART BE RESOLVED THROUGH THE MECHANISM OF THE PROPOSED SEMINAR.
3. LOCAL OFFICIALS VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF A PRELIMINARY UNCLASSIFIED

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VISIT BY DSP STAFFERS TO DISCUSS TIMING, CONTENT AND SCOPE OF PROPOSED SEMINAR. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH MANILA SUGGESTION THAT THIS VISIT TAKE PLACE TOWARD THE END OF JULY SINCE ALL CONCERNED OFFICIALS EXPECTED TO BE IN

COUNTRY AND AVAILABLE DURING THAT TIME FRAME.

4. GROC, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (MOI) HAS SUGGESTED AND EMBASSY ENDORSES SUGGESTION, THAT CHINESE FEDERATION OF LABOR (CFL) BE INCLUDED AS CO-HOST FOR PROPOSED SEMINAR. IF DOL OR DEPARTMENT HAS RESERVATION REGARDING CFL PARTICIPATION AS CO-HOST PLEASE ADVISE ASAP, SINCE EMBASSY WILL DELAY BRINGING UP SUBJECT UNTIL COMMENT RECEIVED.

5. MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (MOEA) AND MOI MOST AGREEABLE TO COSTING INFORMATION RECEIVED PER REF (A). SUBJECT OF MANAGEMENT SUPERVISORY PRACTICES HAS NOT BEEN RAISED AGAIN BY MOEA, HOWEVER WE BELIEVE DSP VISITORS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO COMMENT ON FEASIBILITY OF INCLUDING THIS TOPIC IN SEMINAR CONTENT DURING JULY DISCUSSIONS.
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